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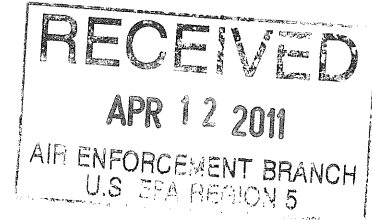
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Ms. Cheryl A. Newton, Director
Office of Air and Radiation Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 (AR-18J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
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Re: Withdrawal of Illinois' NO_x RACT SIP Submittals

Dear Ms. ^{Cheryl}Newton:

In September 2009, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) two revisions to Illinois' State Implementation Plan (SIP). These submittals, which were intended to satisfy Illinois' obligations under Sections 110, 172 and 182 of the Clean Air Act for major stationary sources of nitrogen oxides in areas designated as nonattainment with respect to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (42 U.S.C. §§ 7502 and 7511a), are as follows:

- R08-19: In the Matter of: Nitrogen Oxides Emissions From Various Source Categories: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 211 and 217; and
- R07-19: In the Matter of: Section 27 Proposed Rules for Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) Emissions from Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines and Turbines: Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Section 201.146, and Parts 211 and 217

Since these submittals were made, staffs from U.S. EPA Region 5 and Illinois EPA have had several discussions about the approvability of Illinois' NO_x RACT rules, as submitted. In your letter dated March 9, 2011, you and your staff provided feedback on Illinois' NO_x RACT submittals and identified certain deficiencies that prevent U.S. EPA from approving the submittals as revisions to Illinois' SIP.

Accordingly, the Illinois EPA requests withdrawal of these submittals. The Illinois EPA will work with U.S. EPA to revise these rules, as appropriate, and will resubmit them for approval into the SIP upon completion. If further information is required, please contact Rob Kaleel, Manager, Air Quality Planning Section, Bureau of Air, at 217/524-4387.

Sincerely,

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